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### **MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC)**

#### **US\$20.6 million grant earmarked for BIR's nationwide NRCS**

By Rose B. Palacio

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Davao City (14 May) -- The Millennium Challenge Account-Philippines Threshold Program Technical Assistance Project (MCA-PTP TAP) assists the Philippine government to improve revenue administration and fight corruption, which is supported by a US\$20.6-million grant from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a US government corporation that supports development programs and projects all over the world.

The grant is administered by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) said Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Deputy Commissioner Lucita G. Rodriguez in her speech delivered during the hard-launching of the Nationwide Rollout of Computerized System (NRCS) held at the District Revenue Office (RDO) seminar hall in Davao City last week aimed at improving tax collections, providing effective service and less tax evasion.

Deputy Commissioner Rodriguez emphasized that the new computerization program automates the taxpayers' accounting processes in the respective bureaus, automates the registration, collection and returns processing.

With the new computerized Tax Collection, this will enable the BIR to better respond to taxpayer requests and reduce transaction time for them, Rodriguez said.

The Bureau will also establish a more comprehensive data bank and compare data cross in different data clusters which will make identifying tax evaders easier.

Deputy Commissioner Rodriguez was here in Davao last week together with top ranking officials from BIR central office, Manila: Assistant Commissioner Charo E. Curiba; NRCS Senior Adviser Jim Freer of the MCA-PTP TAP; RDC Mindanao head, Victor O. Baylon; and BIR Regional Director Atty. Marcelinda Omila-Yap.

The NRCS program aims to complete the computerization of all operations of the BIR all over the country. (PIA)